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Corbin R. Davis
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P.O. Box 30052
Lansing, MI 48909

**RE: ADM File No. 2005-02 – Proposed Administrative Order regarding
Privacy Policy and Access to Court Records**

Dear Clerk Davis:

At its September 21, 2005 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered the proposed administrative order regarding privacy policy and access to court records. The Board voted unanimously to support the proposed rule amendment. The State Bar supports the protection of privacy and identity through use of partial Social Security numbers.

Please note that the Judicial Conference notified the State Bar that it would also be considering the proposed administrative order. The Conference did not take a position prior to September 21, 2005 but indicated that its members voiced preliminary concerns. Subsequently, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Conference to advocate its position once adopted.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer this position for the Court's consideration. Please contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

John T. Berry
Executive Director

cc: Lynn Richardson, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
Thomas W. Cranmer, President
Janet Welch, General Counsel